## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Payment of commission by the Food Corporation of India**

*322. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporaion of India is paying Rs. 15 crores as commission for the procurement of wheat;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to scrap the agency system and to employ their own employees for the procurement of wheat and other items for the Food Corporation of India; and

(c) if so, by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The FCI procures foodgrains directly from the farmers in all the States except in Punjab and Haryana, where the farmers have the option to sell their produce in the regulated markets through kachha arthias, under the State enactments. During 1985-86, about Rs. 21 crores was paid to these arthias, as commission for services rendered.

It is the policy of the Central Government to eliminate intermediaries to the extent possible from the procurement operations. The State Governments have been advised, from time to time, to do away with the system of intermediaries in the procurement of foodgrains, wherever they exist, by amending their marketing laws if necessary.

**Loans to individuals by the HUDCO**

*331. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) extend loans to individuals for the construction of houses;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the HUDCO had not granted even a single loan so far to any individual for the purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Loans are given by HUDCO to State Housing Boards, Development Authorities, Improvement Trusts etc. and are not given directly to individuals.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Indira Gandhi Canal Project**

*332. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 53 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on the second phase of the Indira Gandhi Canal Project had been stepped up; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the second phase of the Indira Gandhi Canal Project an outlay of Rs. 65.5 crores, including Rs. 15 crores from the Centre as special assistance under the Border Area Development Programme, has been provided for the year 1987-88 as against the outlay of Rs. 42 crores for 1986-87.

**Allotment of flats in pocket 'C' of Siddharth Extension project**

*333. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 75 per cent of the successful persons in the DDA draw of the 7th July, 1982 for Pocket 'C' Siddharth Extension Project,

who had deposited 90 per cent of the estimated cost of the flats till the 3rd March 1984 are till to be given possession of the flats allotted to them;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(c) whether the DDA propose to allot flats of pocket 'C' to these persons who are not covered under the Self-Financing Scheme and who had not deposited any money for these flats, by passing those who are covered by the Self-Financing Scheme and who had already deposited more than 90 per cent of the cost of flats of Pocket 'C' Siddharth Extension Project?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (c) In the draw of lots held in July, 1982 for allotment of 550 SFS flats (category II), flats have been allotted to 216 persons in March, 1986, out of which 200 have already taken over possession. Remaining 7 persons have yet to comply with the requisite formalities. Due to dispute about land some flats could not come up in time. 120 flats are likely to be ready by September, 1987, 136 by December, 1987 and 136 more by September, 1988. These flats will be allotted in phases.

Since the number of flats available finally in the Siddarth Extension in more than the number of SFS registrants who had applied and are left, the DDA proposes to give the remaining flats to the registrants of the various General Housing Registration Schemes upto 1976.

**Central Vigilance commission advice to the D.D.A.**

*334. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission in its 22nd report had given advice to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) related to certain cases regarding procedure for beginning a work to avoid wastage and irregularities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon with results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DDA has been advised:

(i) to enforce the rule that works should not be commenced unless administrative approval, expenditure sanction and technical sanction are accorded;

(ii) about the need for mandatory tests during the progress of the work;

(iii) about control of issue and utilisation of specified materials in the contract; and

(iv) to avoid the ambiguities in specification and also to achieve economy in structural designs as per the standard codes of practice.

A check on the following salient points, as per the procedure laid down has been reinforced at all levels by the DDA to ensure strict compliance:—

I. A properly thought-out Preliminary Estimate of details and cost is examined for necessity of the work, expenditure involved, time frame and the benefits that will accrue.

II. A proper agency examines all technical and functional requirements.

III. Competitive tenders are invited in a public manner by giving wide publicity, and decisions are taken by the competent authority to fix the agency for construction.

IV. A thorough examination of site conditions to judge its suitability for the structure, strength of soil and availability of services is carried out.

V. Strict quality control measures are taken which include frequent checks by Supervisory Officials and by Quality Control Officers at regular intervals.